

[Allen, Edgar A.]

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Dear Gen. and Mrs. Pratt:

I have been reminded by Miss Cutter that the General's birthday anniversary occurs this week and I want to add mine to the many messages of congratulation and good wishes that will come to you. The Indian Service never more sorely needed your able and courageous leadership than it does today and the powers at the founts of authority should recognize that fact.

You perhaps know that for the past five and a half years I have been in charge of the Menominees, Stockbridges and Oneidas in Wisconsin including the running a saw mill. We have the best trout fishing east of the Rocky Mountains and we would like to have you come and catch some of the fish there.

Ours is a beautiful summer country.
and you would enjoy it for a season.
I have been working to get a seg-
regation of the reservation and the
Indians are overwhelmingly for it
but LaFollette will not consent
for reasons he fails to state.
Meanwhile the Indians are
making time or even retrograding.
The situation is not hopeful.

I hope you are both well today
and happy in the love of your
dear ones. Thousands of Indians
into whose lives you came are
remembering you with gratitude.

Sincerely yours
Edwin

Gen. R. H. Pratt
to Mrs. Edgar M. Hawkins
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